



## 2005 Award Winners

### Governor George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteerism:



**Rosemarie Herbert of Jackson** has lived her life as an advocate for the less fortunate and has worked tirelessly as a community leader and developer. Never content just to help out, Rosemarie built new programs and then shared her expertise with others so they could carry on. Her activities include support for democracy, fairness for persons in poverty, and assistance to people in crisis. She has been a strong advocate for victims of assault and violence, women's and minority rights, and restorative justice. She began volunteering in 1950 and has volunteered countless hours with numerous organizations in the Jackson community.

### Exemplary Community Service Program Award:

**Eaton Community Hospice of Charlotte** provides in home care and operates the Hospice House to ensure that the final stages of life for the terminally ill are peaceful. The organization provides, at no cost, physical, emotional, and spiritual care for the terminally ill, their families, and significant others, enabling the terminally ill to die with dignity in their home environment. They run solely on donations and receive no compensation from insurance companies, Medicaid, Medicare, or the State and Federal Government. The Eaton Community Hospice has 147 round the clock volunteers who serve ten hours a day, one to three days a week.



### Exemplary Volunteer Service Award:



**Colleen Brothers of Pinckney** has been a Livingston County American Red Cross volunteer for 12 years. As Disaster Chair, Colleen is available 24/7 to respond to disaster service calls. She has personally responded to hundreds of disasters in the Livingston County area as well as national disasters. She has been personally credited for saving two people's lives—one while she was on vacation. Already this year, she has responded to more than 40 fires, three of which were on the same day. She has also been involved with fund raising that has raised more than \$70,000.

### Innovative Mentoring Program Award:

**The Esquire Mentoring and Leadership Program of Flint** was created utilizing the old fashioned values of the parents and grandparents of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. The fraternity members manage the program and serve as role models and mentors. Esquires began in 1997 with five young men and currently serves 39 young men in grades nine through 12. Participants are expected to excel academically, set and achieve goals, be responsible for their actions, and perform monthly community service projects. The young men are encouraged to pursue post secondary education—85 percent have gone on to college, with a graduation rate of approximately 90 percent.



## Outstanding Corporate Citizenship Award:



**General Motors Corporation of Detroit** recognizes the importance of supporting the many communities in Michigan and around the world where they do business. In 2004, more than \$35 million was granted to nonprofit organizations worldwide including more than \$14 million in Michigan. Through the Volunteer Plus program, when a GM employee volunteers 50 or more hours with a nonprofit, the GM Foundation contributes \$250 to the organization on behalf of the employee. Since 1999, this program has provided more than \$1.1 million to Michigan nonprofits. Each year GM

also makes in-kind donations of products from vehicles to office equipment, and in 2004 they donated more than \$1 million in Michigan and \$13 million worldwide.

**The Kalamazoo Kings Baseball Club** is built upon the foundation of giving back to the community. No child is ever turned away from a Kings game, and annually more than 30,000 tickets are donated to economically challenged neighborhoods in Kalamazoo. All proceeds from ticket sales are given back to the community resulting in more than \$1 million in donations to 357 nonprofit organizations since 2001. Kings' players adhere to strict personal guidelines that include community service, mentoring, and the behavior of a positive role model—in the ballpark and in the community. The Kings players and staff volunteered in more than 250 classrooms, visited area hospitals, and gave time to many local nonprofits.



## Outstanding Mentor Award:



**Ron French of Michigamme** has mentored three young men during his 14 years as a mentor. With Ron's love, support, and guidance, all three boys are growing in to well-rounded young men. He keeps in touch with his first two mentee's even though the match is officially closed. He and his current mentee do a variety of things including fishing, playing ball, going to movies, and camping. They've also participated in a variety of fund raising events. Ron's example has taught all three boys what it really means to be a man. Ron's first Little Brother wrote, "You let me know what it was to have a dad. Because of the time you spent with me, I am a better father to my kids."

## Russell G. Mawby Award for Philanthropy

Margaret Ann "Ranny" Riecker has demonstrated "private action for the public good" for over 40 years. Introduced to philanthropy by her parents, she serves on the boards of the Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley and the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow foundations. Ranny has demonstrated her leadership in Midland, Ann Arbor, statewide, and nationally, serving the Midland Community Center, University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Central Michigan University, Council of Michigan Foundations, Council on Foundations, the Republican National Committee and many more. When Shelterhouse, a temporary residence for battered and abused women was no longer adequate, she became their leading supporter in the acquisition, renovation and development of



a new, more secure facility. When a local Chinese Cultural group needed support for a program to educate and increase awareness of the Chinese culture through Chinese festivals, Ranny championed this new creative approach to cultural learning.

### **Senior Volunteer Award of Excellence:**



**Mary Walker of Mancelona** is a 70-year-old retired social worker. She serves with Hospice as a patient volunteer, board member, in-service coordinator, and trainer. She is a standards visitor with the American Camping Association, which helps maintain the quality of camping for kids and develops best practices for the camping industry. She has put her passion for gardening to work with Hospice, the Kalkaska Chamber of Commerce, and the Village of Kalkaska.

### **Youth Volunteer Award of Excellence:**

**Hamilton Harris of Southfield** is a 17-year-old senior at University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy. He began volunteering as a Cub Scout at age seven and has been an active Boy Scout for ten years. He has earned 25 merit badges and achieved the Eagle Scout Award at age 14. Through his own hard work and the work of other volunteers he recruited, a three-mile nature trail in a Southfield public park was restored. He has also volunteered for New Mount Prospect Baptist Church, Gleaners Food Bank, Operation Can Do, and Providence Hospital. He has a 3.6 GPA, is the co-captain of the varsity tennis team, and is a member of the National Honor Society.

